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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 555

Introduced by Assembly Member Furutani

February 25, 2009

An act to add and repeal Article 1.5 (commencing with Section 48805) of Chapter 5 of Part 27 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Education Code, relating to community colleges.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 555, as amended, Furutani. Community colleges: attendance by secondary school pupils: partnerships.

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. Existing law authorizes the establishment of community college districts under the administration of community college governing boards, and authorizes these districts to provide instruction at community college campuses throughout the state.

Existing law authorizes the governing board of a school district to authorize pupils, with parental permission, who would benefit from advanced scholastic or vocational work, to attend community college as special part-time students to undertake one or more courses of instruction at the community college level, in order to provide educational enrichment opportunities for a limited number of eligible pupils.

This bill would authorize ~~unspecified~~ *the Kern, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Los Rios, and San Jose-Evergreen* community college districts to enter into partnerships with school districts to provide secondary school pupils with the opportunity to benefit from advanced scholastic,

career-technical, or vocational ~~work~~ *coursework*, or other coursework at a campus of the California Community Colleges.

The bill would require, for each partnership entered into pursuant to the bill, the affected community college district and school district to submit an annual report containing prescribed data.

These provisions would be repealed on January 1, 2015.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following:

3 (a) Campuses of the California Community Colleges are located
4 throughout California, providing an educational resource for all
5 communities.

6 (b) Some secondary school pupils are allowed to take classes
7 at community colleges. These pupils are called “special-admits,”
8 and they participate in “concurrent enrollment programs,” mainly
9 targeted at “advanced education,” primarily defined as college-level
10 work.

11 (c) There are strict limits on this activity in law, providing these
12 opportunities to only 5 percent of any high school class and
13 restricting the types of classes pupils may take to include only
14 “advanced education” in most cases.

15 ~~(d) A serious abuse of concurrent enrollment by a few school
16 and community college districts several years ago resulted in
17 statutory reform and restriction on this type of enrollment.~~

18 (e)

19 (d) The current restrictions inhibit local ability to make
20 maximum use of community college facilities and opportunities,
21 and the time has come to encourage and expand these valuable
22 programs, ~~but with appropriate statutory prohibitions to guard
23 against a repeat of the abuses of the past.~~ *programs.*

24 (f)

25 (e) Allowing high school pupils to take community college
26 courses could provide benefits to pupils and to the state in a wide
27 array of opportunities, including more opportunities for advanced
28 scholastic work, career-technical partnerships and coursework,
29 basic skills, English as a second language, and dropout prevention.

1 (g)
 2 (f) Exposure to college classes and the college environment
 3 while in high school improves college participation rates.

4 (g) *Concurrent enrollment saves money for both the state and*
 5 *the students through increased time to completion and provides*
 6 *for more effective use of facilities through joint use.*

7 SEC. 2. Article 1.5 (commencing with Section 48805) is added
 8 to Chapter 5 of Part 27 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Education
 9 Code, to read:

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 11 Article 1.5. Partnerships Between Community College Districts
 12 and School Districts
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14 48805. The following community college districts shall be the
 15 only districts eligible to enter into a partnership under this article:

- 16 (a) _____ *Kern.*
- 17 (b) _____ *Long Beach.*
- 18 (c) _____ *Los Angeles.*
- 19 (d) *Los Rios.*
- 20 (e) *San Jose-Evergreen.*

21 48806. (a) (1) The governing board of a community college
 22 district may enter into a formal partnership with a school district
 23 or school districts located within its immediate service area to
 24 provide elementary and secondary school pupils with the
 25 opportunity to benefit from advanced scholastic, career-technical,
 26 or vocational ~~work, and basic skills courses~~ *coursework*.

27 (2) A participating community college district shall adopt a
 28 partnership agreement with each school district partner. The
 29 partnership agreement shall be approved by the governing board
 30 of the community college district and the governing board of the
 31 school district.

32 (3) (A) The partnership agreement shall outline the terms of
 33 the partnership, and may include, but not necessarily be limited
 34 to, the scope, nature, and schedule of courses offered. The
 35 partnership agreement may establish protocols for information
 36 sharing and joint facilities use.

37 (B) A copy of the partnership agreement shall be filed with the
 38 State Department of Education and with the office of the
 39 Chancellor of the California Community Colleges prior to the start
 40 of a program effort authorized by this article.

1 (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any applicable
2 open course *and facilities* requirements that are operative either
3 in statute or in regulations of the Board of Governors of the
4 California Community Colleges shall be waived for any community
5 college district ~~governing board~~ that enters into an agreement
6 pursuant to this ~~section~~ *article* for instruction for secondary school
7 pupils on a campus of the partner school district.

8 (5) It is the intent of the Legislature, in enacting this article, to
9 provide a smoother transition from high school to college for pupils
10 by providing them with greater exposure to the collegiate
11 atmosphere, and to maximize the educational opportunities
12 available to California's secondary school pupils by encouraging
13 programs and partnerships between school districts and community
14 college districts, including, ~~but not necessarily limited to,~~ advanced
15 scholastic, ~~college-level~~ *vocational*, and career-technical
16 coursework, summer school opportunities, ~~English as a second~~
17 ~~language instruction, basic skills remediation,~~ and dropout
18 intervention.

19 (6) A community college district shall not provide physical
20 education course opportunities to secondary school pupils pursuant
21 to this article.

22 (7) A pupil shall receive credit for community college courses
23 that he or she completes at the level determined to be appropriate
24 by the school district and community college governing boards
25 pursuant to the partnership agreement as described in paragraph
26 (2).

27 (b) For purposes of state apportionments, a community college
28 district shall be credited additional full-time equivalent students
29 attributable to the attendance of pupils in community college
30 courses as special part-time students pursuant to this article.

31 (c) A school district the pupils of which attend community
32 college courses as special part-time students pursuant to this ~~section~~
33 *article* shall, for purposes of state apportionments, continue to
34 receive credit for attendance by those pupils computed in the
35 manner prescribed by law. A pupil's attendance at school for the
36 minimum schoolday shall be deemed a day of attendance for
37 purposes of making the computation.

38 (d) (1) A community college district shall not receive a state
39 allowance or apportionment for an instructional activity for which

1 a school district has been, or shall be, paid an allowance or
2 apportionment.

3 (2) The attendance of a pupil at a community college as a special
4 part-time or full-time student pursuant to this ~~section~~ *article* is
5 authorized attendance, for which the community college shall be
6 credited or reimbursed pursuant to Section 48802 or 76002,
7 provided that no school district has received reimbursement for
8 the same instructional activity. Credit for courses completed shall
9 be at the level determined to be appropriate by the governing
10 boards of the school district and the community college district
11 pursuant to the partnership agreement as described in paragraph
12 (2) of subdivision (a).

13 (e) For purposes of this section, a special part-time student may
14 enroll in up to, and including, 11 units per semester, or the
15 equivalent thereof, at the community college he or she attends.

16 (f) The governing board of a community college district shall
17 not assign a high priority for registration or enrollment to a special
18 part-time or full-time student attending community college pursuant
19 to this ~~section~~ *article* in order to ensure that the special students
20 do not displace regularly admitted students.

21 48807. (a) For each partnership entered into pursuant to this
22 article, the affected community college district and school district
23 shall report annually to the office of the Chancellor of the
24 California Community Colleges all of the following information:

25 (1) The total number of secondary school pupils enrolled in
26 each program, classified by school district.

27 (2) The total number of successful course completions of
28 secondary school pupils enrolled in each program, classified by
29 school district.

30 (3) The total number of successful course completions of
31 students in courses equivalent to those courses tracked under
32 paragraph (2) in the general community college curriculum.

33 ~~(4) The total number and percentage of students participating
34 in an advanced education program under this article who
35 successfully earn a community college certificate or degree, or
36 both.~~

37 ~~(5) The total number and percentage of students participating
38 in an advanced education program under this article who enroll in
39 a four-year college or university or who transfer from a community
40 college to a four-year college or university.~~

1 ~~(6) The average number of units accrued by students involved~~
2 ~~in each advanced education program under this article, classified~~
3 ~~by district.~~

4 ~~(7) The total number of participants in an advanced education~~
5 ~~program under this article at each school location who matriculate~~
6 ~~at a college or university in this state.~~

7 ~~(8) The total number of students at each school location who~~
8 ~~are not participating in an advanced education program under this~~
9 ~~article and who matriculate at a college or university in this state.~~

10 (b) The annual report required by this section shall be
11 transmitted to all of the following:

- 12 (1) The Legislature.
- 13 (2) The Director of Finance.
- 14 (3) The Superintendent.

15 (4) The governing boards of each of the following community
16 college districts:

- 17 ~~(A) Los Angeles.~~
- 18 ~~(B) Los Rios.~~
- 19 ~~(C) San Jose-Evergreen.~~
- 20 (A) *Kern.*
- 21 (B) *Long Beach.*
- 22 (C) *Los Angeles.*
- 23 (D) *Los Rios.*
- 24 (E) *San Jose-Evergreen.*

25 (5) The governing board of each participating school district.
26 48808. This article shall remain in effect only until January 1,
27 2015, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute,
28 that is enacted before January 1, 2015, deletes or extends that date.